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Note verbale dated 7 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, and, with reference to the Mission's letter of 27 June 2001 (S/AC.39/2001/4), has the honour to report that among the measures taken by the Russian Federation in implementation of the resolution, the President of the Russian Federation, V. V. Putin, has signed a decree on measures to implement resolution 1343 (2001) of 7 March 2001.

Pursuant to that decree, all State institutions, as well as industrial, trade, financial, transport and other facilities, companies, banks, organizations and other juridical and physical persons under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation are required to proceed in their activity on the basis that:

(a) The following are prohibited from 7 March 2001 to 7 May 2002:

(i) The sale or supply to Liberia of production for military purposes (including arms and related materiel of all types, ammunition, military vehicles and equipment and paramilitary equipment), and of civilian and service weapons and spare parts for the aforementioned, as well as the use of vessels and aircraft for these purposes;

(ii) Any provision to Liberia of technical assistance or training services related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of the above-mentioned items.

These measures do not apply to supplies of military equipment intended solely for humanitarian use or to protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Liberia by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use;

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(b) The following are prohibited from 7 May 2001 to 7 May 2002:

(i) The import of rough diamonds from Liberia;

(ii) The entry into or transit through the territory of the Russian Federation of members of the Government of Liberia, its armed forces and their spouses or any other individuals providing financial and military support to armed rebel groups in countries neighbouring Liberia, as designated by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia, with the exception of the transit of representatives of the Government of Liberia to United Nations Headquarters in New York to conduct United Nations business and the participation of the Government of Liberia in the official meetings of the Mano River Union, the Economic Community of West African States and the Organization of African Unity, bearing in mind that the prohibition of entry into the territory of the Russian Federation shall not apply to nationals of the Russian Federation. These measures do not apply where the Committee determines that such travel is justified on the grounds of humanitarian need, including religious obligation, or where the Committee concludes that exemption would otherwise assist in the peaceful resolution of the conflict in the region or promote Liberian compliance with the provisions of Security Council resolutions.